Information Notice – Exports to USA – New USA Import Restrictions on Salmonids and Spiny Lobster

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority has issued this Information Notice in relation to technical requirements for Irish companies trading with the USA in an evolving third country regulatory environment.

The USA Authorities have informed the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine (DAFM) and the SFPA that from 01/01/26 salmon from an aquaculture source, and spiny lobster will be unable to be exported from Ireland to the USA.

This is due to a determination made by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) after a comparability finding conducted by them on legislation of harvesting nations who export fishery products to the USA.

In Ireland's case, the required equivalence has been deemed by NOAA not to be present due to a provision in the Wildlife Act, which does not conform with the relevant US legislation in this area.

Exports of these products to the USA will need to cease from 01/01/26.

In addition, NOAA are implementing a requirement for export consignments of similar products covered by certain Combined Nomenclature codes to be accompanied by documentation essentially attesting that the consignments do not contain salmon of aquaculture origin or common spiny lobster.

This document is called a Certificate of Admissibility (COA). These COAs will be required from 01/01/26 and will be provided by the SFPA on request.

A full list of the commodity codes requiring one of these COAs can be found at the end of this notice.

All trade in all other products not mentioned above or found in the commodity code list below can continue after 01/01/26 as it currently does now.

Exporters are advised to plan for the implementation of these changes as outlined above. Irish exporters will be advised if and when any developments to these restrictions arise.

Any queries regarding this information notice should be addressed to SFPATradeandAudit@sfpa.ie

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Annex I: Commodity Code List

Common spiny lobster: 0306.11.00.20, 0306.31.00.00, 0306.91.00.00, 1605.30.05.10, 1605.30.05.90, 1605.30.10.10, 1605.30.10.30, 1605.30.10.50, 1605.30.10.90, 0306.19.01.61, 0306.39.01.00, 0306.99.01.00, 0309.90.10.61, 0309.90.20.00, 0309.90.30.00, 0309.90.90.00, 1604.20.05.10, 1604.20.05.90, 1605.40.05.00, 1605.40.10.90, 1605.69.00.00

Salmonids nei. 0301.91.00.00, 0302.11.00.10, 0302.11.00.90, 0302.13.00.13, 0302.13.00.14, 0302.13.00.22, 0302.13.00.32, 0302.13.00.42, 0302.13.00.53, 0302.13.00.54, 0302.13.00.62, 0302.14.00.03, 0302.14.00.04, 0302.14.00.62, 0302.19.00.00, 0303.11.00.00, 0303.12.00.12, 0303.12.00.22, 0303.12.00.32, 0303.12.00.52, 0303.12.00.62, 0303.13.00.00, 0303.14.00.00, 0303.19.01.00, 0303.91.40.40, 0304.41.00.10, 0304.41.00.20, 0304.41.00.90, 0304.42.00.00, 0304.52.00.10, 0304.52.00.15, 0304.52.00.20, 0304.52.00.90, 0304.81.10.00, 0304.81.50.10, 0304.81.50.90. 0304.82.10.00. 0304.82.50.00. 0305.20.40.20. 0305.41.00.00. 0305.43.00.00. 0305.69.40.00, 1604.11.20.20, 1604.11.20.30, 1604.11.20.90, 1604.11.40.10, 1604.11.40.20, 1604.11.40.30, 1604.11.40.40, 1604.11.40.50, 0302.89.50.31, 0303.89.00.37, 0304.49.01.09, 0304.59.00.25, 0304.99.11.83, 0305.43.00.00, 0302.89.11.40, 0302.89.50.77, 0302.91.40.90, 0302.99.00.00, 0303.89.00.80, 0303.91.40.95, 0303.99.00.00, 0304.49.01.90, 0304.59.00.91, 0304.89.10.90, 0304.89.50.91, 0304.99.11.04, 0304.99.11.09, 0304.99.11.94, 0304.99.91.90, 0304.99.91.92, 0305.20.40.65, 0305.39.61.80, 0305.49.40.45, 0305.59.00.01, 0305.69.50.01, 0305.69.60.01, 0305.72.00.00, 0305.79.00.00, 0309.10.05.00, 0309.10.90.00, 0309.90.90.00, 1604.19.22.00, 1604.19.32.00, 1604.19.41.00, 1604.19.51.00, 1604.19.61.00, 1604.19.82.00, 1604.20.10.00, 1604.20.15.00, 1604.20.20.00, 1604.20.25.00, 1604.20.30.00, 1604.20.40.00, 1604.20.50.10, 1604.20.50.90, 1604.20.60.10, 1604.20.60.90

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